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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: identifying insertions and [deletions].

Please insert the following new paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, <u>prior</u> to the paragraph entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:"

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/664,537, filed September 18, 2000, entitled "Protective Bat Cover."